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REFERENCES

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

25X1 1. On 22 November 1953, the Flugplatz Kaserne in Schoenwalde was occupied by about 3,000 to 4,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia; and black-bordered black epaulets, and including a few air force soldiers. About 120 troops received infantry training in the area northwest of the airfield and about 15 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets were seen marching toward Boetzow.

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25X1 2. On 3 November, 6 rocket launchers, 16 AA guns and 8 AT guns were observed in the Flugplatz Kaserne. the ammunition depot opposite the installation covered 200 x 400 meters and included 2 onestory temporary buildings and numerous small wooden sheds, where the ammunition boxes were stored.

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3. On 29 November, the Flugplatz Kaserne was occupied by about 1,500 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 13 November, about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets engaged in the construction of field fortifications in Jagen (forest section) No 24 in the woods west of the village of Schoenwalde. Van-like truck was seen nearby. A ground return circuit connected this truck with an unoccupied AAA emplacement of about 6 gun positions and 3 to 4 earth bunkers, which had been constructed about 4 years ago. The line led to a bunker from which smoke arose. At about 4 p.m., the line had been dismantled and the bunker had been vacated. On 19 November, about 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the installation toward the training area. On 22 November, 4 driving school trucks, left the installation and, at about 2 p.m., 6 trucks, each occupied by 20 unarmed soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the installation from the direction of Falkensee. On 27 November, 1 x 132-mm rocket launcher entered the installation from the direction of Falkensee and about 30 troops practiced firing with carbines at the firing range west of the installation.

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Comment. The known units of the 31st AAA Div and the 90th RL Regt (US) of the Second Gds Mecz Army can be confirmed in the Flugplatz Kaserne until late November. AT guns, however, are not believed to be stationed at the installation. The strength estimate in paragraph 1 is believed to approximate the actual occupation. The AAA emplacements may be practice emplacements.

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